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SUBJECT: SENATOR KENNEDY'S TRIP TO JAPAN

REF: A) STATE 298035 B) TOKYO 19445

1. KENNEDY STAFF HAS CONSULTED WITH DAVID OSBORN AND OTHERS WHO PLAYED ROLES IN ROBERT KENNEDY'S TRIPS TO JAPAN IN 1962 AND 1964. FOLLOWING ARE IDEAS GENERATED IN THAT DISCUSSION WHICH SENATOR KENNEDY LIKES AND WHICH WE OFFER TO YOU ONLY AS SUGGESTIONS TO BE INCORPORATED INTO SCHEDULE AS APPROPRIATE:

A) EMBASSY MIGHT CONTACT BUSINESSMAN GOTO NABURO, WHO ACCOMPANIED ROBERT IN 1962. ONE OF KENNEDY SISTERS MIGHT CALL ON HARUKO HOSONO, DAUGHTER OF NOW-DECEASED GUNJI HOSONO, FORMER DIRECTOR OF JAPAN INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHO ALSO ACCOMPANIED ROBERT.

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B) SENATOR KENNEDY MIGHT CONSIDER STOPPING AT SOME OF THE PLACES ROBERT VISITED: THE WASEDA CAMPUS, THE KORAKUEN FOR SKATING, THE AIKIDO DOJO, THE SAKE BAR WHERE ROBERT SANG IRISH SONGS FOR LABOR LEADERS.

C) PERHAPS SOME SIMPLE TOUCHES, SUCH AS WEARING HAPPI COATS OR TANZEN FOR THE CAMERAS AT RAKUTOSO OR TAKING

A SHORT SUBWAY TRIP IN TOKYO.

D) WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO LOCATE THE WASEDA STUDENT WHO HECKLED ROBERT? IF HE TURNED OUT TO HAVE SETTLED INTO SOME ORDINARY LIFE-STYLE, MIGHT A MEETING WITH SEN. KENNEDY, OR A ZADANKAI, BE APPROPRIATE?

E) IN HIROSHIMA, IS THERE A MEMORIAL WHERE A WREATH-LAYING WOULD BE SUITABLE?
MIGHT A FAMILY MEMBER CALL ON THE HIROSHIMA MAIDENS? IS THERE AN APPROPRIATE COMMISSION OR GROUP RELATED TO THE BOMBING THAT THE SENATOR MIGHT MEET?

F) IN KYOTO, MIGHT A MEMBER OF THE PARTY CALL ON ONE OF LIVING NATIONAL TREASURES?

2. KENNEDY STAFF HAS REQUESTED FOLLOWING SPECIFIC CHANGES IN SCHEDULE PROPOSED REFTEL A:

A) TUESDAY, JANUARY 10 -- MORNING SCHEDULE TO BE ARRANGED AS FOLLOWS:

0730 - MEETING WITH EMBASSY/CONSULATE ESCORTS.

0800-0930 -- BREAKFAST COLLOQUIUM WITH PRESS.

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0945 - 1100 -- VISIT HISTORICAL/CULTURAL PLACES.

1115-1215 -- MEET WITH LABOR LEADERS.

REST OF JANUARY 10 SCHEDULE UNCHANGED.

B) THURSDAY, JANUARY 12 -- STAFF WISHES TO GIVE SENATOR MAXIMUM OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH GOVERNMENT LEADERS. MORNING SCHEDULE SHOULD THUS BE AS FOLLOWS:

0800-0930 -- BREAKFAST WITH BUSINESS LEADERS

1000 -- MEET PM AND FM FOR AS LONG AS APPROPRIATE. WHEN FINISHED, MEET WITH MIYAZAWA AND USHIBA. LUNCH AND REST OF SCHEDULE UNCHANGED.

3. SENATOR APPRECIATES ARRANGEMENTS CITED REFTEL B. IN ADDITION, SENATOR AND FAMILY WOULD LIKE ARRANGE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY TENNIS AND TAKE HOT BATHS EVENING OF DECEMBER 25.

4. STAFF WISHES GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE SISTER-CITY GIFT FROM BOSTON TO KYOTO: BOSTON CITY FLAG,

MASSACHUSETTS STATE FLAG, OR OTHER?

5. STAFF WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ON CONFIRMED TRANSPORTATION AND HOTELS AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.
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